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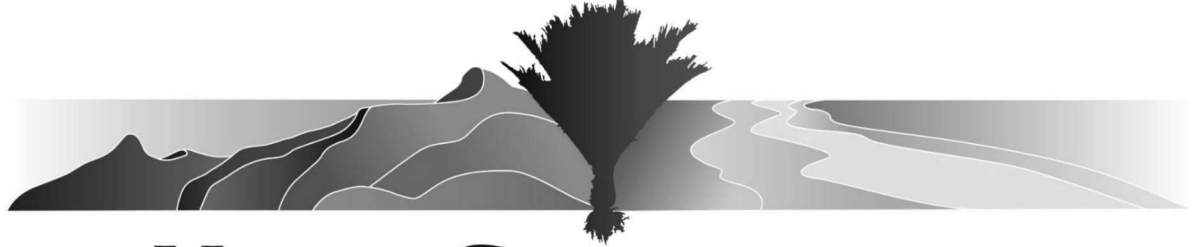
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*The 2024 Annual General Meeting
of the Huia-Cornwallis Ratepayers and Residents Association
will be held on Sunday July 7th, 1.00pm - 2.00 pm in the Huia Hall*

The business of the AGM will be to approve the Minutes of the 2023 AGM, receive Reports on the Association's activities over the past year, approve the Annual Financial Statements, elect the Committee and confirm the official Name Change to Huia, Cornwallis Community Group.

There are positions available on the committee this year, so please put your hand up for a chance to get in amongst it and to get to know this fabulous community better. We respect the fact that as volunteers, we all do what we can, when we can! Join us, meet new people and have some fun too.

Nau mai, haere mai, tautokona mai.

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Under the Association's Rules certain deadlines apply in respect of membership and the election of the Committee.

For the 2024 AGM these deadlines are as follows:

** (A "member" is no longer classified as a "financial member" as there is now a zero fee rate and you are classed as a "member" by default if you are a Ratepayer or resident in the Huia, Cornwallis and encompassing areas.)*

*If you are wishing to stand for election to the Committee forward your name, contact details and signature agreeing to be nominated, to the Secretary at contacthccg@gmail.com by **5 pm, Friday 5th July**. Please include the name, details and signature of your nominator.*

*Current 2023/24 members (please see above *) wishing to vote in the elections for the Committee, but unable to attend the AGM, may cast a Special Vote. Simply write on a paper full details of who you are, and who you want to nominate, with signatures and hand in or post to the Returning Officer by **5 pm, Friday 5th July 2024***

**The Returning Officer for 2024 is Keith Gayford, 1075 Huia Road, Huia or
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Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella, originally created for television, features iconic songs, including "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible/It's Possible," "Ten Minutes Ago," and "Do I Love You Because You're Beautiful?"

The talented cast of 40 local youth performers, all aged 18 years and under, will bring this magical story to life, with Amelia Stace portraying Cinderella, Ella Fletcher as the Godmother, Lexie Fisher as Stepmother, Brooke Lane as Portia, Megan Evans as Joy, and Sushant Kaushal as the Prince. Led by a creative team experienced in delivering PTI Youth Shows, the production will be directed by Matt Billington, with Mackenzie Wills as musical consultant, and Heidi Schuler as choreographer and vocal coach. Given the

immense popularity of PTI's July school holiday youth productions, tickets are expected to sell out quickly. Don't miss this opportunity to witness the magic firsthand.

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But these hard-working businesses do not have the capacity to collect and process all old tyres. Sadly, it's estimated that more than 50% of old tyres are still disposed of improperly.

To address this issue, the government has established Tyrewise, a nationwide end-of-life tyre stewardship scheme.

From March 1st, a tyre stewardship fee has been added to the cost of every new tyre, supposedly to pay for:

- Scheme management.
- Tyre collection services.
- Incentive payments for processing and tyre-derived product manufacture for the domestic market.
- Research and development grants, and
- Monitoring of the scheme by the Ministry for the Environment.

Domestic-size tyres are now subject to a Stewardship Tax of between \$6.65 and \$13.65+GST, while heavy transport, agricultural, and earthmoving tyres pay considerably more. Domestic tyres alone will contribute over \$65 million per year to the Tyrewise Stewardship scheme.

But, in typical bureaucratic fashion, creating procedures and setting charges seems more important than addressing the practical problems.

Tyrewise only communicated with us in June, requesting us to self-register and prepare for a visit from Tyrewise staff, who will seek evidence of compliance with any Local Bylaws, consents relevant to our outdoor storage of tyres, any other data required by Tyrewise for auditing and compliance of our business. And proof that we will use the Tyrewise tyre tracking web-based application so that registered transporters can reconcile tyres picked up from us.

Tyrewise has established no better communication with the firm collecting and shredding our old tyres. The result is that we and our clients are currently paying the tyre stewardship tax in addition to the cost of continuing our current method of disposing of old tyres. And what a costly charge it is, the worst example so far being a 750% increase.

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JJ Laughton disposal fee: \$2.30 +gst.

Tyrewise disposal fee: \$17.29+gst (Tyrewise will probably contract JJ Laughton to do the job, which they're already doing for a fraction of the price).

I predict this significant cost increase will not lead to better outcomes across the country; it will just create more bureaucracy for all of us.

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Whereas some of our crew are Fire Fighters who must complete Medical Co-Response certification. These crew members attend significant medical events which require assistance with CPR as an example.

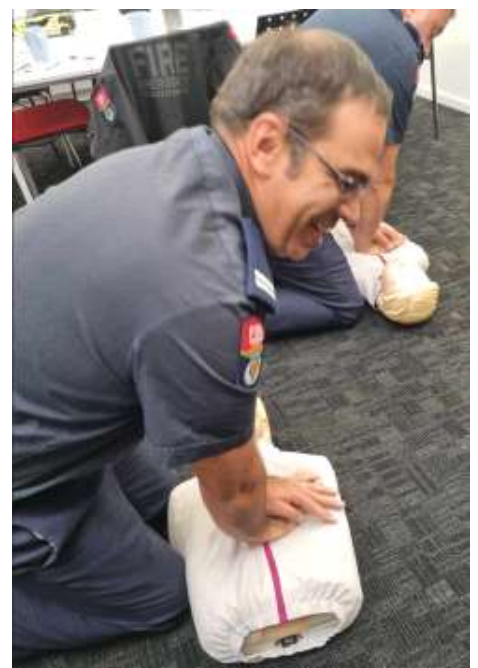
Co-Responders are required to attend a 2-yearly re-certification assessment which is now facilitated by the Red Cross. We were lucky enough to have the certification held at our very own station with some attendees coming from brigades such as East Coast Bays, Muriwai, Kumeu, Howick and Te Atatu.

Senior Fire Fighter Neil was often putting himself in front of the camera showing everyone how it is done. Well done Neil for being the inspiration on the day.

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West Auckland Retail & Hospitality Transformation Picks up National Awards



A transformation of the West Auckland liquor retail model which introduced new brands to the region for the first time in 50 years has been recognised with a national award.

The Trusts owned Liquorland Hobsonville store was named Franchise of the Year ahead of 200 other outlets from around New Zealand at a recent Foodstuffs Liquorland conference – just months after it was opened under the new brand.

The recognition is in addition to a win for The Trusts iTi restaurant in Titirangi which picked up the Outstanding Local Establishment in The West at the recent Lewisham Awards, the venue has also been named one of New Zealand's Estrella Damm Top 50 Gastro Pubs in the 2024 awards.

Allan Pollard, CEO of The Trusts, which operates 25 restaurants, hotels, and liquor retail stores in West Auckland, says the re-branding of their liquor retail stores has also been well-received by locals.

He says feedback from the judges of the peer-reviewed awards aligns with what they are hearing from customers at the point of sale throughout their store network.

“The intention of introducing new retail brands to West Auckland has always been to improve our service model and help increase the profits we return to the community.”

“What we have seen within the new stores is that by introducing greater choice to the region, we have brought customers back to West Auckland who may have previously shopped in other parts of the city.”

“It has meant we can continue to expand our footprint strategically in response to consumer demand and grow foot traffic at each store.”

“In just a few months since we moved to replace all Trusts stores with Liquorland and Super Liquor branded outlets, we have seen a significant increase in customer numbers and sales from across the region with our sites offering greater convenience for residents,” he says.

Pollard says iTi has crafted a local offering that has seen it become a vibrant dining destination for thousands of locals and foreign tourists visiting the area each year.

He says the gastropub is at capacity most days and they are planning further investment to increase the number of patrons they can accommodate.

iTi has a dedicated following amongst Titirangi locals and a series of consistently positive reviews that help attract more international tourists to sample the food and beverage menu sourced from local craft breweries and producers wherever possible.

“This offering changes frequently to add in seasonally abundant produce and we provide customers with a variety of cuisines dedicated to specialty dishes inspired from around the globe. This is helping to appeal to a wide range of palates and increasing the volume of visitors to the venue,” he says.

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By ADRIENNE PEEK

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3 Teaspoons Cornflour

$\frac{3}{4}$ Cup Grated Cheese

Salt and Pepper to Taste

2 Large Kumara (chopped and Cooked)

1 Head Broccoli (Chopped and Cooked)

1 Capsicum (Chopped and Cooked)

Cook the noodles, drain and keep warm. Toss the Kumara, Broccoli and Capsicum together and set aside. Combine the evaporated milk, mustard, cornflour and cheese and season. Heat and bring to the boil and cook for 1 minute. Place noodles on plates, followed by vegetable mix and pour the sauce on top. Sprinkle with cheese and chopped spring onion to garnish. You can use other vegetables like cauliflower or carrots or whatever else you have in the fridge.



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June's Photo Gallery

In Tātai 9 we have been learning about different types of poetry. We've learnt how to write using adjectives and aliteration. We have written acrostic poems, repeating poems and shape poems.

In the ocean of dreams I saw
A blue jellyfish spinning in the sea
In the ocean of dreams I saw
Two beautiful dolphins jumping in the water
In the ocean of dreams I saw
One white orca gliding in the sea

By Eli

Zap
Barbs sting
Stingrays are cute
Stingrays can burrow
Stingrays can puncture boats with barbs
Stingrays feel slimey and muddy
Stingrays mouths are on the underside
Stingrays can kill a person

By Jamie

Six
Slimey Slippery
Dolphins slyly
Swam swiftly in the wet and wild white wash
While eating some slimey scaley snapper

By Jessa





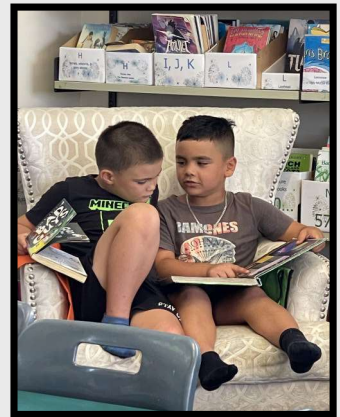
Octopus wrap their tentacles around oysters to crack them open
 Coral grows as fast as Usain Bolt runs
 Eels slither at the sea bottom of the crystal clear sea
 Angry slippery sharks bite into humpback whales
 Nets catch the slippery fish as they try to get out

By Jemima



In the ocean of dreams I saw
 One orca swimming in the crystal clear water
 In the ocean of dreams I saw
 Two seahorses chomping on the seaweed
 In the ocean of dreams I saw
 Five octopi inking out

By Olivia



In the ocean of dreams I saw
 Five lovely swift stingrays gliding through the shallow waters
 In the ocean of dreams I saw
 One gnomous whale swimming in the crystal clear water
 In the ocean of dreams I saw
 Two shiny dolphins partying in the waves
 In the ocean of dreams I saw
 Ten bioluminescent bobbing jellyfish in the dark depths of the sea

By Nora



75th Jubilee

Laingholm Primary School, 'The Greatest Little School in the Universe' will be celebrating its 75th Jubilee in **2025**.

The celebrations will take place around the Matariki holiday weekend with events running from **Thursday 19th June to Saturday 21st June 2025**.

If you would like to help, or register your interest in the Jubilee, please e-mail the school on office@laingholm.school.nz.



June's Photo Gallery

"Tātai #9"





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How did Huia get its name? For many years, residents and museum volunteers have explained that Huia was not named for the (now extinct) huia bird, but for a Maori chief. Carbon dating of shell middens at Hinge Bay (near to where the museum is located) show occupancy of Huia by Maori from at least 1520. Te Huia was a Waikato Tainui Maori chief who, initially, lived seasonally on the northern shores of the Manukau Harbour, but he liked it so much that he decided to stay. Even today, some people refer to “The Huia”, which may be a corruption of Te Huia. There was a survey done some years ago to see if residents wanted to officially change the name of the settlement to “Te Huia”. But, simply “Huia” it remains.

Near-by Mount Donald McLean’s Maori name is Te Rau-o-te-Huia which means “The plumes of the huia”. The huia bird was (and still is) highly prized by Maori and they were traded all over New Zealand. It has long been assumed that huia were not present in the Waitakere Ranges but an article in the October-December 1993 issue of New Zealand Geographic magazine (available on-line) tells a different story. Sub fossil remains indicate that the huia was found throughout the North Island when the Maori arrived in New Zealand. So we can confidently assume that it was in the Waitakere ranges and presumably Te Huia, the chief, was so respected that he was named for this sacred bird. And now, a small settlement on the shores of the Manukau Harbour is privileged to bear the same name.

To learn more about Huia, the settlement and the bird, visit Huia Museum. There is an extensive collection of photographs, articles and exhibits.



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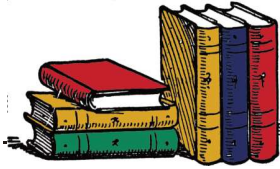
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Book Reviews



GEORGE WADSWORTH & IAN JOHNSON

Birds Beasts and Relatives by Gerald Durrell

From 1933 to 1939 the author, then a young boy, lived with his family on the Island of Corfu. He became interested in all that the island had to offer to a budding, keen, naturalist as he was. As an adult he said that he wrote books to finance his expeditions and this book is a sequel to *My Family and other Animals*. At a rare family gathering in England, thoughts turned to their life on Corfu and how they were portrayed by Gerald. They said that if he wrote about them again they would sue him. The result is this book. It is a thoroughly enjoyable read with stories about his quirky family, their guests and island characters. To say nothing of the wildlife on land and sea that he was fascinated by and in many cases brought home to dissect, nourish and generally annoy his brothers and sister. A funny and entertaining read.

The Last Secret Agent by Pippa Latour with Jude Dobson

The untold story of my life behind Nazi enemy lines

As at 19th June, there were 841 in the queue to read a copy of this book so you can see how popular it is. The author had in all her 100 or so years never told anyone including her close family about the part she played in the Second World War. It is thanks to her friendship with Jude Dobson and Jude Dobson's research that her early life and then her war service can be told. The story of her birth and growing up in Africa then finishing her education in Paris, before escaping to England ahead of the Nazi invasion is an enthralling and fascinating tale. But that is dwarfed by her astounding heroics in Nazi occupied Normandy, where as a member of the Special Operations Executive (SOE) she risked her life daily to send messages about the German Army's activities. There were 430 SOE agents in France only 49

were women and of those 14 never returned. She lived rough and trusted very very few people. Her training in England, her identity papers, her made up identity, and her amazing ability to pass through German checkpoints helped her survive. An incredible story.

The Storm We Made, Vanessa Chan (Hodder & Stoughton, 2024)

is set in Malaya between 1935 and 1945 and traces the life of Cecily Alcantara who leads the life of a frustrated and bored wife of an official in the British Colonial government occupying Malaya. She becomes beguiled by the charms of a Japanese general Fujiwara who is stationed there. She starts to provide him with official British government information that she takes surreptitiously from her husband. In short, effectively spying for the Japanese. The Japanese take over Malaya in 1941 as part of their WW2 expansion into Asia – Hong Kong and Singapore were invaded and Pearl Harbour bombed around the same time. The novel flicks between the mid 1930's and mid 1940's, contrasting the before and after of the Japanese invasion. It traces the impact of Cecily's actions on herself and her three children. Realising that her duplicity has helped the Japanese in their brutal rule she hides her actions from her family and has to deal with the impact on her and the children. Early on in the novel, it is revealed that her teenage son Abel is abducted and held by the Japanese - through flashbacks her part in that is revealed. Cecily's self-delusion and naivety takes her and the reader into a nightmarish scenario. Vivid descriptions of the hardships of the Japanese occupation contrasts with the beauty evoked by the author of the Malayan setting. This is the debut novel of Vanessa Chan who is of Malayan heritage herself. It is a period of WW2 which I did not know much about. A bit of a rollercoaster read that held my attention.

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A Poison Like No Other: How Microplastics Corrupted our Planet and our Bodies, Matt

Simon (Island Press, 2022) reveals the extent of the alarming impact of microplastics on our ecosystem and the health of ourselves and the planet. As the publishing blurb says “It’s in our food, our clothes, and our homes. It’s microplastic and it’s everywhere-including our own bodies.” Research into the effects of microplastics is only in its infancy but what is known so far is scary. Yes, plastics are useful but as they breakdown they become toxic to our well-being. And microplastics are everywhere from the top of Everest to the bottom of the Earth’s deepest oceans. The author provides extensive evidence of the problem from his own reading and talking to many researchers.

A couple of salient observations – microplastics can contain any of 10,000 different chemicals and even a baby can be exposed to an additional 660,000 microplastics by the time they are a year old. One observation that drew my attention – despite all the efforts to limit climate change, plastic pollution through the breakdown into microplastics is wiping out a good chunk of those reductions. The author pleads for awareness of this insidious pollution so our use can be controlled or at least moderated. A suggestion: this is not a particularly long book but at the very least, read the 8-page introduction. That should be enough to convince you.



While this can be a quiet time for gardeners there are still plenty of chores in the way of maintenance to get you outside on the calmer winter days. Now is a good time to prepare the garden for spring, turning the soil and adding compost. And you can still plant garlic and shallots with a variety of onions in the mix.

Peas such as sugar snaps and snow don't mind the cold and celery seedlings can be planted out. In the herb garden thyme and rosemary don't mind the winter, as well as bay tree while mesculin can be sown for easy winter salads. But this is also a good time to get out of the rain and cold and into the shed if you are lucky enough to have one. Give it a bit of a clean out and tidy up.

Plants for early spring planting can be sown in seed trays and kept in a warm spot if you can find one and now is the time to get your potato beds ready by digging over the soil and adding compost. Some experts say you can start your early seed potatoes sprouting but I have found patience can be a virtue with potatoes. Strawberry beds can also be prepped for new plants. After a total failure last summer (I can count my crop on the fingers of one hand!) I have given the strawberry patch a bit of love recently, cutting back discoloured leaves and packing straw under the rest. My winter crops are just sitting in the ground with a few pathetic leaves but I live in hope.

Begonias and impatiens can be sown in winter. Roses can be planted and dead wood as well as excess growth should be removed from existing roses – definitely time to invest in good quality gloves although somehow the thorns always seem to find a spot to attack!

It's all part of the joys of gardening.



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LAING STREAM WALK AND TALK



Last month we added a special streamside Walk and Talk event to our regular community weeding and mulching day at Western Park. Hosted by Restoration Ruatuna and EcoMatters, we invited everyone who lived with the Laing Stream running through their gardens to meet us at the Western Road playground. We worked our way up the street visiting different parts of the stream, some in parks and some in private gardens, and we saw first-hand what it's like to live with a stream running through your backyard.

We talked about how to manage some of the challenges of caring for a stream, like weeds and erosion, but we also saw how beautiful and full of life a healthy stream can be. Thanks to EcoMatters and the Auckland Council's Make Space for Water program, we were able to offer

some free native plants to people who needed help to stabilise the banks of their stream. We also heard about the new online Auckland Council Flood Viewer platform, where you can type in your address and check your flood risk. It offers practical advice on how to prepare for floods in our neighbourhood. You can google it very easily.

Planting natives along the banks of a stream will help to absorb water and mitigate erosion. It also adds food and shelter for native birds and fish. Thanks to everyone who came along, we really enjoyed the opportunity to connect with our stream and show it some love. For advice on how to manage problems like weeds and erosion along the banks of your stream, please contact Restoration Ruatuna and we will do our best to help.



MATARIKI TE TAU HOU – IT'S MĀORI NEW YEAR

It's Matariki, and all around Aotearoa people are celebrating the Māori New Year. Matariki begins in June or July, when the first new moon follows the appearance of a special cluster of stars that can be seen low in the eastern sky. Last month, as we started to feel the first cold snaps of winter, some of Restoration Ruatuna's volunteers set out to learn more about Matariki and what it means for groups like ours that have a kaupapa around caring for our natural environment. Matariki is a special time for the environment because many of its important signs relate to growing plants, the tides, freshwater and saltwater ecosystems, and forests.

We were excited to learn that one of the stars in the Matariki cluster is connected to everything that lives in the trees. This star is called Tupuārangi, and it has influence over Tane (the god of the forest) Haumia-tiketike (the god of uncultivated foods and insects) and Tūtewehiwehi, the father of reptiles, fern roots, nīkau, harakeke, and ponga. Tupuārangi is also important for our birdlife, especially kereru. This makes Tupuārangi an important star for all the volunteers who work to restore and protect our forests.

Matariki is also a time to let go of the past and plan for the future, and this includes planning what to grow in our gardens and other environments during the year ahead. Early winter, which is when Matariki begins, is always

Restoration Ruatuna's busiest planting time. This is when we need to get all our native plants into the ground so they can soak up the winter rains and be ready to survive their first dry summer.

We also learned that people celebrate or observe the different stages of Matariki at different times, depending on where they live. This means that Matariki events are usually planned locally, and Restoration Ruatuna hopes that in the future, we will be able to plan local celebrations that reflect our unique location between the forests of the Waitākere Ranges and the shores of the Manukau Harbour. It would be a lot of fun because typical Matariki celebrations can involve planting trees, lighting fires and lamps, dancing to music and flying kites. Sounds like it could be a block party at the beach!

In the meantime, we can enjoy Dan's wonderful artwork showing the Matariki cluster appearing in the eastern sky over Laingholm beach. Happy Tau Hou Māori everyone!

Our next community working bee
will be @ Western Park
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The Forgotten Suburb



As those of us of a “certain age” go through the papers we’ve accumulated over the decades, we may come across our child’s Plunket book – if we haven’t already off-loaded it onto the said child who now has a child/children of their own, so they can make comparisons as to height, weight etc. Almost always, it was mothers who welcomed the Plunket nurse to the home to check on the new baby and then took the growing child to the clinic. The fathers were doing their duty and working to provide for the growing family.

There is still a Plunket Clinic next to Titirangi Library, but it may surprise *Roundabout* readers to learn that, 50 years ago, Laingholm had its own Plunket clinic. Plunket not only provided health checks for baby, a committee organised support group meetings for Plunket mothers.

On Thursday 11th July 1974 the Laingholm Plunket held a coffee morning and make-up demonstration by “Mill Valley” in the Laingholm Central Hall. The ad gives the organisers’ names and phone numbers (just 4 digits back then and very likely party-lines, too!). And there’s a note that all children are welcome. And the clinic? That was held at the same hall on the third Thursday of each month.

It seems there must have been enough young mums in Laingholm at that time for the village to have its own Plunket clinic. But, also, we need to remember that two-car households would have been a rarity back then and there were no compulsory child restraints so baby would have been placed on the back seat in their carry cot. Without a car, mum would have had to take baby on the bus and buses were not as accessible as they are today. The pram or pushchair may have been hung on hooks at the front of the bus, or folded and put in the luggage compartment at the side. Baby back-packs (or front-packs) were not common.

Visits from and then to the Plunket nurse were highlights for young mothers, many of whom didn’t have extended family near by for support and advice. There’s still a need for this service which started nearly 120 years ago – but the Forgotten Suburb no longer has its own clinic.

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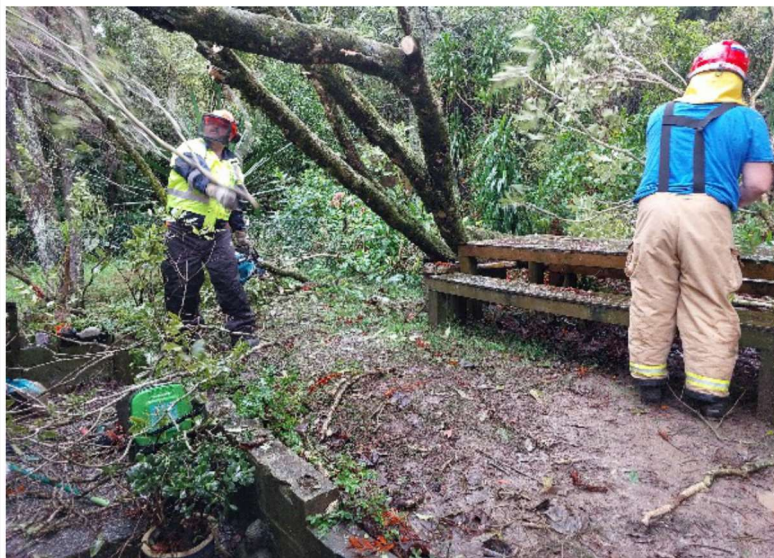
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Laingholm Volunteer Fire Brigade

We get our share of road crashes, usually on Huia Road. This car came to grief on the area controlled by traffic lights just passed Exhibition Drive, last month. Fortunately the sole occupant escaped uninjured.

To keep our skills up for road crashes we train regularly and are very grateful when local residents donate us derelict cars to work on. In one picture Senior Firefighter Logan Reilly operates a glass cutting tool to open up the windscreen. We were also using our battery-powered rescue tool, known as “the jaws of life” to open the doors so our medical first responders could treat the “patient” inside. He was then carefully removed and placed in a stretcher.



The days when fire brigades were concerned only with fires are long gone and ours is no exception. When gale forces winds swept the area last month a tree came down on a home in Laingholm Drive. We were called and were able to cut up the tree and get it off the roof using the chainsaw carried on our number one fire appliance. Damage to those house was slight. In the picture Station Officer Duncan Milne and Senior Firefighter Brad Laloli get on with the job

Our national representative body, the United Fire Brigades' Association, is calling for a fairer deal for volunteer fire fighters after a study showed that we contributed the equivalent of 823 million dollars every year to the country's economy. The Laingholm brigade is made up entirely of volunteers and there are 11832 volunteer firefighters in brigades from the top of the North Island to Stewart Island and the Pacific Islands.



The report is not asking for volunteer firefighters to be paid. Our population is simply not large enough to support fire stations staffed by paid firefighters throughout the country, and our volunteers aren't motivated by money – for them it's all about giving back to their communities. The report is calling for the contribution of volunteer firefighters to be valued and treated equally and fairly.



“Volunteers do not receive the same level of uniform, training, or equipment as their paid colleagues “ says the report.



“They also receive less rehabilitation support, compensation, and health and safety cover when they are injured on duty. ACC does not cover mental trauma experienced by volunteer firefighters on duty, or chronic workplace illness because it is considered in law to be a leisure activity. That fact is astonishing and cannot continue.

Volunteer firefighters deserve greater recognition for what they do.”

Anyone who reads the Roundabout or sees our online pages will be aware that we don't just go to fires.

We attend road crashes, and chemical incidents (Last month we responded to a possible chlorine leak at the water treatment station in



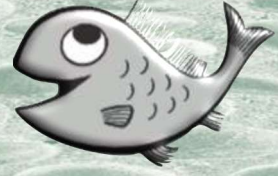
Waima. It turned out to be a false alarm) Medical callouts now represent about 50% of our calls annually and we are involved in public education.

The association says: It is time for us, the government and other decision-makers to recognise the enormous contribution our volunteer firefighters make, and to ensure the needs of our volunteers are always top of mind.



Winnie's Wanderings

(from Winnie the Wharfie)



Giddy fishos, very little nautical news to report this month. Fishing seems to have slowed down for winter, except on the wharf. We are amazed how many fishos are there on a daily basis, down the end of the wharf for hours at a time. They must be catching something, probably piper which must surely be beginning to get depleted now. It's also amazing the number of fishos on the end of the wharf in all weathers, day and night. (At least wives know where their husbands are!)

The recent patch of fog we had reminded me of a little drama some years ago in the good old days when we could still set nets at Shirley Point. Now everything in this account is kosher and not dressed up for entertainment! I'd set a net up there in the evening and awoke the next day to thick fog. Oh dear, what to do? Wait for the fog to clear, says the old man. But Shirley Pt is renowned for all sorts of marauding creatures that invade nets and consume all within. So with all the optimism and recklessness of a true fisho off I went, saying I'll be okay as long as I keep the beach in sight. I was proceeding in this fashion but the fog fogged up my glasses and I couldn't see properly so I took them off to clean them and one of the lenses fell out. I stopped the engine while I groped about on the floor of the dinghy for the lens which wasn't there. Finally I located it in my gumboot! Put my glasses back on and oh dear, I had drifted and lost sight of the beach. The fog was now thicker – a white-out – and I couldn't see a thing. I'd gone out near to low tide and now had no idea if the tide was going in or out which made no difference anyway because of total disorientation and absolutely no sense of direction. Low-level panic now set in as I was in the channel (it was in the days of Milburn and container ships). What to do? I started up the engine and motored hopefully in the direction of the beach but next minute the engine flew up out of the water – I'd hit a sand bank! Was it the big one at the other side of the buoys or the one that runs from the wharf up to Mill Bay? So I had to row with the engine up until I got into deeper water but I still had no idea where I was or if I was going up or down the harbour. So I motored in what I thought was a straight line until the fog thinned a bit and I could see vague light from the sun. At least I knew I was headed north where I wanted to go so I kept on. Next minute huge rocks loomed out of the fog and I realised I was in Mill Bay and dangerous territory. I had no choice but to anchor up and wait for the fog to thin which it did eventually. I got the net to be rewarded with three eaten mullet and a very tangled up stingray. This experience prompts me to say: Do NOT go out in the fog dear friends! I finally got home after three and a half hours to be met with great concern from the old man who was worried he was going to have to make his own lunch.

Did you know sharks are immune to cancer and you can't hum while holding your nose (try it). I might have said all this before but the poor old brain is shedding marbles at a great rate of knots so let's get to joke time. (I've probably told these too.)

Doctor, doctor, my hair's falling out, can you give me something for it? Doc: How about this box.
Doctor, doctor I've broken my arm in several places. Doc: Well don't go to any of them again.

Where do you find a turtle with no legs? Where you left it.
Ok, that's Winnie signing off till next time.

Cheers Winnie

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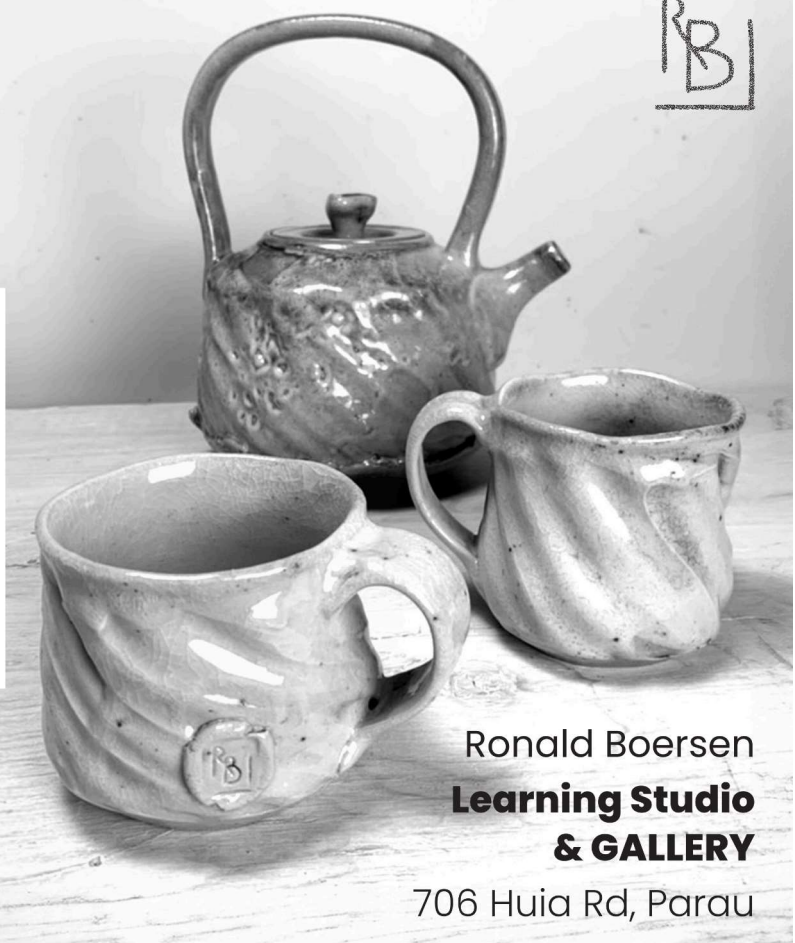
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Thursday 11th July 10.30am - 11.30am Marionette Craft

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Tuesday 16th July 3.00pm - 4.00pm Brick Building with Milo and Marshmallows

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Wednesday 17th July 9.30am-10.15am Wiggles Dance Party

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Thursday 18th July 10.30am - 11.30am Te Wheke Craft

Make an octopus friend using wool in this fun craft. Suitable for ages 5+ with parental help.

Saturday 27th July 11am – 12pm Vegan presentation for those interested in incorporating more plant-based meals into their diet. All welcome.

Saturday 27th July 2 – 3.45pm Join us for a mid-winter poetry event with mulled wine and nibbles. All welcome, bring a poem to share yours or someone else's and connect with other writers.

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Matariki

As the Matariki star cluster rises in the winter sky, we welcome the Māori New Year, a time of reflection, celebration and new beginnings. This year we celebrated Matariki with stories, songs, cooking, and planting new bulbs for each child to take home and watch grow; in memory of someone who has passed away and to look forward to the year ahead.

Tukua kia tu
 takitahingā
 whetū o te
 rangi
 Let each star in the sky
 shine its own light



Planting Day

Our children made their way into Nature's Nook, our developing garden area, ready to plant our native plants that we were granted from 'one billion trees'.

With the help of our wonderful Laingholm primary children, and some very helpful grandparents, the digging and preparing of the soil began. Our children enthusiastically helped to dig, with lots of laughter and chit chat between them. Once the digging was done, in went the native plants, ready to flourish in Nature's Nook. We look forward to Nature's Nook transforming into a flourishing garden space filled with all our dreams of plants, wildflowers, butterflies, rainbows and bugs.



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Venue: Ranui Community Centre 474 Swanson Rd, Ranui.

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For further information ph Liz 0274 762732 lizanstey@hotmail.com



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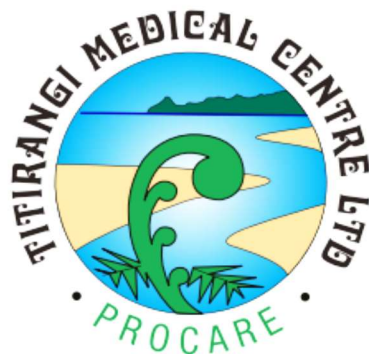
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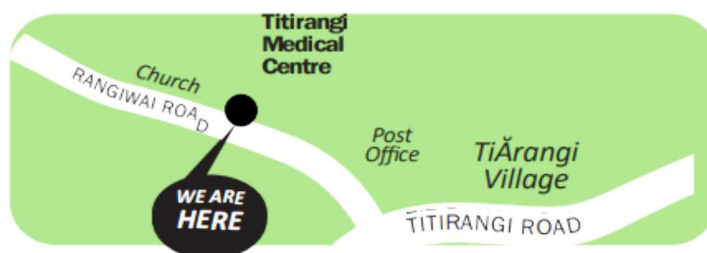
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Mānawatia a Matariki

The Matariki cluster of stars that heralds the start of the Māori New Year are now appearing just before sunrise on the eastern horizon. Observing natural phenomena are very much the starting point for planned curriculum progression through the classes, and as we turn our attention to the stars for Matariki, we hope you enjoy this recent teacher's article looking at how we teach Astronomy in Waldorf Steiner education.

“Astronomy can be associated with unimaginably large, ‘astronomical’ numbers, such as temperatures of millions of degrees, massive formations as large as entire planetary systems, and enormous distances. Can we really know and imagine what a light year is? What it means that the diameter of the Milky Way is 100,000 light years? Can we really relate to such numbers and experience them? Thus, despite the decisive meaning of our globe's daily rhythm and the changing of the seasons for all life on earth, the study of astronomy lacks a certain relevance. **There is a gap between our experience and our knowledge.** What we see with our eyes matches up so poorly with what we know. Is it possible to close this gap? How can we achieve and experience a relationship to the starry heavens we observe?

In the Waldorf curriculum, we try that in three Main Lessons, given in Classes 6, 7 and 12. If astronomy shall have a place in school that can help students create a more wholesome relationship to our universe, we need to begin with what we see and not with what we know. We therefore start our Class 6 astronomy main lesson, during Winter, with an experience we have all seen: the sunrise. First, the students get to know the sun's daily movements across the sky.

The students are challenged to observe the heavenly phenomena—to begin with the main heavenly bodies in their apparent paths over the earth, sun and moon, daily, monthly and annually. To plot the path of the sun in each season, to understand the phases of the moon in relationship to sun and earth are quite important factors for knowing one's own location on earth. The reciprocity of noon position of sun and latitude on earth are fundamental concepts, which allowed the seafarers and adventurers of ancient and medieval times to find their way across the oceans. The students also come to understand that what they observe in the sky has a direct influence on the climate and vegetation all over the earth.

Building on this, the visible night sky is then introduced in Class 7 - observing the constellations. The appearance and paths of the planets are described. This meets the students' need to observe something that requires patient observations to balance their restlessness and emotional turbulences.

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We first start to observe the phenomena that make these descriptions natural and begin with Venus. The queen of the heavens has amazed and surprised many people. It can outshine all heavenly bodies and can be seen in full daylight. An intense white light shines above the sunset before any other stars appear. We can observe it week after week and month after month. It is easy to see that it is fairly ‘close’ to the sun, and increases the angle slowly until, after a few months, it reaches approx. 48-degree angle to the sun and sets 3-4 hours later each day. Then it remains steady before getting ‘closer’ to the sun again. When we make a drawing of its path, a beautiful orbit appears including a meeting with the sun in the middle.

We also learn about biographies of astronomers, eg. Tycho Brahe and Johannes Kepler. Brahe spent his days observing, measuring and recording data. Kepler used those data, applied mathematics and thinking and found out that the planets orbit in ellipses rather than in circles. Both poles, Brahe's observation and Kepler's thinking were necessary parts of a whole, the very same whole we strive for in astronomy lessons.

Finally, in Class 12, the students enter the world of the unimaginably vast, after, having learned about the unimaginably small in microbiology and atomic physics in Class 11. **Now, they are ready to widen their horizon and form a synthesis - the theme of the Class 12 year.** And so, Class 12 students are currently learning about modern astronomy, about the structure of the universe, life and death of stars and black holes. Both poles - observation and thinking or experience and knowledge, begin to weave together to form a whole”.

**Matariki tuia ngā whetū, tuia ngā tāngata
Matariki weaver of the stars, weaver of the people**

TRSS - upcoming events



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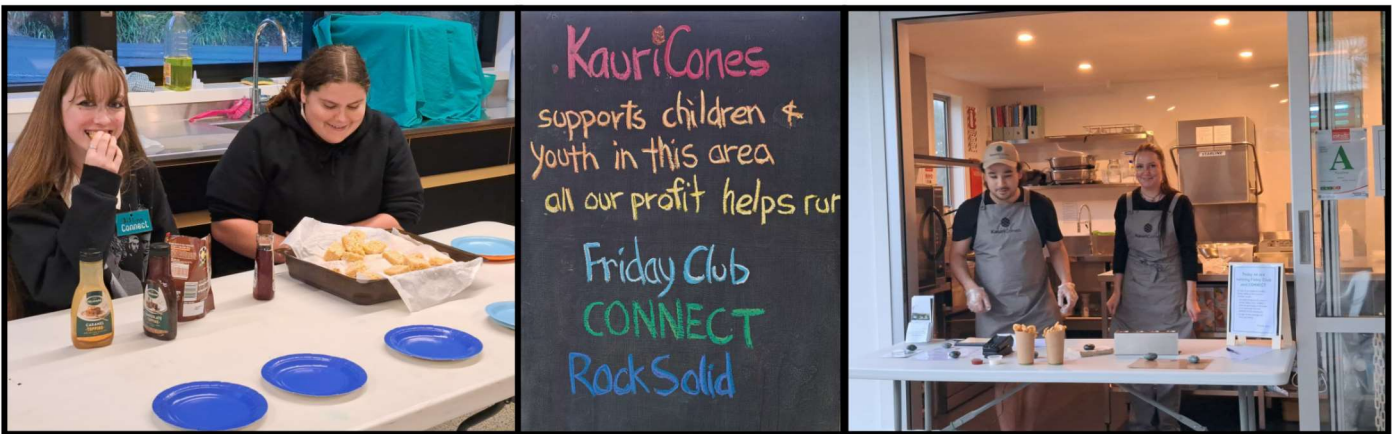
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Friday Club and CONNECT FC



This term our Theme at Friday Club and CONNECT has been Treasure. Our creative leaders Shannon Clark and Andrew Gill have devised so much fun with Pirate Games, Treasure Hunts, cooking Treasure Chests and Treasure Stories from the Bible. Our great team of leaders make all the fun happen. This term has been GOLD! Next term our theme is Super Heroes so blast along and be part of the action and adventure!



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

Check out our Facebook page Kauri Cones for the details of the Winter Fun that will be happening daily over the school holidays at KauriCones during our opening hours of 2-5pm.

We will be having CONSTRUCTION challenges, a BUBBLE day, painting an outside mural and maybe even a DOLL EXHIBITION of many old and beautiful dolls. So make sure you check out what's happening just down the road and come and join in the fun.

We also hope to be adding classic Teas and Slices to our Curly Fries (small \$4.50, Regular \$6.50) and Real Fruit Ice Creams (X Small \$5.50, Small \$6.50 and Regular \$8.50) as a special holiday treat!

KauriCones Winter Opening Hours: Daily from 2pm—5pm

Check us out on Google Maps because we always keep our opening hours and occasional closed days accurate here.



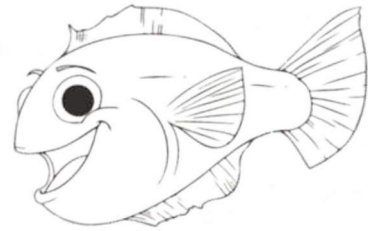
Friday Club (for Years 1-6) and CONNECT FC (for Year 7-8) are run by LBC and adults and youth from our community, to provide children and Intermediates and their families with a safe and welcoming environment to get to know each other and have fun. We also give children and Intermediates a chance to get to know older teenagers in our community - our fantastic group of young leaders; to be mentored and encouraged; to think about and explore life with God and to develop strategies for resilience that will help them with challenges they encounter. There is no charge. We run by donation.

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Poipoiā te kakano kia puawai

Our Stories, told by us

Inside this report

- .. Nothing new—WPS secondhand market
- .. Creative writing (The pirates)

Nothing New—WPS secondhand market

8:25-9:00: It was a cold and dry morning and as the PTA (parent - teacher association) were setting up, the music started to crank up. “Now we need to set up the games”, said Alexis’ Mum. The games were: muffin pan alley, splat a rat, and bucket ball. Then I was setting up my stall; there were clothes, toys and books. I felt extremely eager.

9:00-10:00: At 9:00 people started to show up at the hall at Woodlands Park School. I took a look at the other stalls and I bought a squish mallow dinosaur. There were new and tattered books, toys, lemonade and best of all: squish mallows. I was excited because I got a new squish mallow!

10:00-11:45: By this time the market was at its peak. The hall, which we have our assemblies in, was bubbling like a nest of ants. But my stall had only made about 10 sales. Later, my cousin and I went to buy some sugary delights from the chirpy PTA helpers at the cake stall. I sat at my stall full of delicious treats.

11:45-12:30: By this time people were starting to creep out and I made 5 more sales!

12:30-1:00: By now the hall was mostly empty and a lot of the stalls were bare.

1:00-2:00: This was the phase of the market when we were packing down and to be honest I was bored. We packed down the games, the tables, and last but not least the sausage sizzle. I ate a few lollies and then I went home.

By Arie & Lucy, Room 17



The pirates

Lunch tick, togs tick, towels tick. "Alright," said Dad. Off we go. We trudged through the sand dunes then sat down by the shady bowels of a tree. "Dad, Dad can we go out to that pontoon?" "Well, if you're careful," said Dad. It can be slippery. We raced over the Oysters even though they were cutting us. But just as we were clambering up the slippery ladder a shadow loomed over us and the next thing we knew we were shoved into a sack and everything went black.

I woke up to the fishy smell of salty waters. There were wooden planks underneath us and bottles upon bottles of beer piled up in the corner. "How are we going to get out?" exclaimed Mayella in a worried voice. "I don't know," I said calmly. Just then the trap door opened and rays of light came in but were half-covered by a big fat man. He came in and we could see him properly now. He had a parrot on his shoulder and was wearing sparkling jewellery. His hat was lopsided and he had a big red coat on. "You are now our maids!" he boomed. I shall untie you but you have to get to work now. "Yes sir," we said timidly.

Next day we got shown around the ship and all its rooms. But we hated the great hall because of all the sharks heads the pirates had triumphantly cut off and killed. The deck of the ship had parrots nesting in every single bow. The crew were solemn, sad and gray. Suddenly there was a cry of joy from a whole lot of the pirates so we swiftly turned and saw a family of whales heading towards the ship. "Arm the cannons! Get the Spears!" cried Captain Sushi. It started to spit. The rain got heavier and heavier and started to pour down. The rain felt like tiny little daggers fighting against my face. I knew it was wrong to kill animals and I was sure Mayella was thinking the same thing. I tried to pluck up my courage to tell the pirates that you should not hurt whales or kill them, but that was no use, I was too scared. "This is terrible!" said Mayella. We decided that we should console and make a plan before we did any actions. "Pirates," we said, "do you like fried fish?" There were murmurs of agreement.

"Well, if you keep hunting, they all might disappear because of you Hunters. But hunting whales is a whole other level. Whales are a part of our ecosystem and if they alldie out it will just be destroying everything." "Says who?" yelled a pirate whose name must have been Peter. "Says the scientists," Mayella said back. "There are only 5,000 whales left in the world." "I'm sorry, I had no idea," said all the pirates together. "It's ok," we replied. And so the pirates became vegetarians and vouched to stop hunting, and even better we were dropped off just in time for supper.

The End.

By Florence, Room 17



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